



Public Health & Social Services

Student Symptom Decision Tree

Screen all students for potential COVID-19 symptoms or exposure

Low-risk: general symptoms



Congestion/
runny nose



Sore throat



Nausea/vomiting/
diarrhea



Headache



Fatigue/muscle or
body aches

**Exposure to
COVID-19
positive person?**

Close contact: less than 6 feet, 15 minutes or longer.

High-risk: red flag symptoms



Fever 100.4 F
or higher



Cough



Difficulty breathing



Loss of taste/smell

NO

▶ 1 **low-risk** symptom
for less than 24 hours



Send home



Return to school 24 hours
after symptom resolution
(without fever reducing
medication)

▶ 1 **low-risk** symptom
for more than 24 hours,
OR
2+ **low-risk** symptoms, OR
1 **high-risk** symptom



Send home



Evaluation by health
care provider & COVID
test recommended

1

Health care provider confirms alternative
diagnosis for symptoms. A health care
provider's note must be on file.
COVID-19 test not required.



Return to school after 24 hours with-
out fever and symptoms improving or
per condition diagnosed by provider

2

Negative COVID-19 Test.



Return to school after 24 hours with-
out fever and symptoms improving.

3

Positive COVID-19 test
OR
No provider visit or test.



Return to school after 10 days since
symptom onset and 24 hours without
fever and symptoms improving.
Quarantine close contacts of
confirmed cases.

YES



Stay home



Return to school after 14 days from last
contact*, unless symptoms develop. If
symptoms develop, perform COVID-19
test.

**If a COVID-19 positive person lives in the same household, the exposed person cannot return to school until 14 days after the positive person is released from isolation.*

This document is not intended to replace a clinician's judgement. Diagnosis and treatment should be under supervision of a clinician.

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